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## Beet Sugar Raising to be Discussed Saturday Afternoon

A public meeting of ranchers in this end of the valley has been called to meet in the city hall Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to discuss the planting of sugar beets this spring. The gentlemen who are at the head of the sugar beet factory will be present and explain the detailed plans. The Commercial Club issued the call in order that the gentlemen who are canvassing for acreage may be given an opportunity to discuss the question directly with the ranchers.

About one-fourth the acreage necessary to secure the factory has been signed up. The Medford Mail Tribune of Saturday says:

"A January thaw has set in upon the frigidty that shrouded the campaign for the establishment of a

\$600,000 beet sugar factory in the Rogue River Valley, and there was a revival of interest and a general casting off of the insidious thrall of mossbackism this week. To date over 1,000 acres have been signed up, and much more is in prospect. Citizens and land owners have planned a farm-to-farm campaign to secure the necessary acreage.

### Bids for Contract for Handling Stockyards.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Southern Pacific for contract for handling the Southern Pacific stockyards at Ashland for 1915. All bids to close January 8th. Bids to be sent to the superintendent's office at Dunsmuir, Cal. G. N. KRAMER, Local Agent S. P.

Only 7 1/2 per cent of last season's 400 fires in national forests of Utah, southern Idaho, western Wyoming and Nevada causes losses in excess of \$100.

Walter Herzog of Hornbrook was in the city two days this week on business.

Ironclad hose for kids. Buy 'em at Enders'.

## Various Committees Are Appointed

At the council meeting Tuesday evening the following nominations were made by the mayor and confirmed by the common council of this city: The committees for the ensuing year were named as follows:

Finance—Cunningham, Ware, Ashcraft.

Ordinance—Ware, Cornelius, Ashcraft.

Street—Cornelius, Cunningham, Ware.

Water—Ashcraft, Biegel, Werth.

Electric Light—Ashcraft, Ware, Cornelius.

Fire—Biegel, Cunningham, Werth.

Sanitary—Werth, Cornelius, Biegel.

Indigent—Ware, Werth, Ashcraft.

Cemetery—Biegel, Cornelius, Cunningham.

Upon motion of Councilman Ware the nominations were confirmed by the council.

The mayor then made his appointments in regard to the heads of the different departments of the city. They were read and approved by the council as follows:

Fire Department—Chief, Robinson; driver, Grisez.

Police—Chief, Porter; assistants, Atterbury and Wilson.

City Attorney—W. J. Moore.

Water—Superintendent, Earl Hosler.

Street—C. W. Fraley.

## Pelican Road To Be Improved

Frank W. Moore of the special committee appointed at the December meeting of the Commercial Club to make investigation and report on the possibility and feasibility of securing improvement of the road to Pelican Bay, Fort Klamath and Crater Lake via the Dead Indian road and Lake of the Woods reported that the committee had been to Medford and had seen Will G. Steel, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, Judge F. L. Tou Velle of the county court and Mr. Erickson of the government forest reserve and that all had agreed to do what they could through their various departments to secure the necessary improvement; that Mr. Steel had explained the plan of the administration to make funds available for road work in the national forests to be returned to the national treasury as timber is sold, and that Mr. Erickson was confident we could secure this federal aid in due course of time and suggested that a fund be raised by subscription, or otherwise, for temporary work and that the secretary of this club write him a letter setting forth the benefits to be derived and the approximate amount necessary to do the work on the section of road within its jurisdiction. Mr. Moore further said that he knew of private parties who would be willing to donate considerable sums to get this work under way.

## Springs Matter Before Council

At the council meeting Tuesday night the springs matter was again considered. The resolution introduced by request of the springs water commission was called up and Chairman Greer was asked for a statement. He read a letter from Dillon, Thomson & Clay, the New York bond attorneys who are examining the bond record, in which they enclosed a bid and contract to be offered by the springs commission to take the bonds over on the plan before outlined in this paper, providing no par bid is received for the bonds on January 26.

The recorder was instructed to order the blank bonds lithographed and action was deferred on the resolution until tomorrow night, at which time it will be finally disposed of.

## Mayor Johnson Delivers His Address Before Council

To the Common Council and the People of the City:

In submitting my annual communication at this time, I am prompted by force of custom—rather than necessity for reviewing the work done during the past term. With few exceptions I feel that the work speaks for itself, that the people have observed the great amount of work done and its character, and that they have appreciated it.

It has indeed been no small task during the depressed times, to do the amount of substantial improvement work which has been done within the past two years. It has, indeed, involved great loss of time and attention to personal and private interest, and an endless amount of anxiety and worry, energy and sacrifice. Yet with all this, and facing the usual amount of criticism, work has been accomplished which has moved the city forward. This self-evident result of the council's labor, and the recently published financial statement, would seem sufficient to satisfy right thinking and observing citizens.

Every committee in every department deserves its respective part of credit, for while there have been minor errors, there have been no failures and every member has worked as harmoniously as possible. I wish to thank the council as a body for this united effort and for its friendly co-operation throughout the term just closed. I wish to express my appreciation to the city recorder and his assistants for many courtesies and special services rendered during the term. I am grateful to those who came into their places by appointment, grateful for their loyalty and for the interest they have taken in their work in the various departments.

I have appreciated the work of the police department, their vigilance and loyalty. It has been difficult for them to do their work in the manner which they have, under the circumstances which have surrounded them. I wish to say to the people particularly, that they have done their work as directed—either by ordinance or by myself, that they have been loyal to good principle and to the city, as well as to the council and myself. They have borne their burdens with unusual fortitude. They have been criticised, but their criticism is the natural fruit of the work they have done, and I believe that right-thinking people have understood the situation.

It is gratifying to note the result of the constant attention and effort of those in the electrical department. During my term in office, sinking

## Union Services Excite Enthusiasm

Tonight the union services will be held at the Baptist church instead of at the Presbyterian, where they have been held the fore part of the week. The subject tonight will be "The Home." At the close of the meeting last night a special session of men was held, at which it was decided to hold men's prayer services in the city hall every afternoon for the rest of the week at 2:30. Such services started this afternoon.

### Apples Wanted.

We want sound Newtown apples for cider purposes. Let us know how many you have. Bagley Canning Co., Talent, Ore. 2t

If you want shoes buy now. Briggs & Shinn.

## Hillside Drives as Outlined By City Engineer Walker

Glenview Drive and King's Highway are going to be the attractive roads of Ashland, the attractive drives for autoists who wish to gain an elevated position from where they can look over the surrounding landscape.

The survey for both of the roads has already been made by City Engineer Walker. The deeds for the Glenview Drive have already been turned over to the city by the property owners, every one having been more than willing to donate their property. The deeds for the King's Highway have not been secured as yet, but it is hoped that the property owners having land abutting the new road will donate their real estate as liberally.

Work on the new road will be done only as funds are available by the city, and it will probably be some years before the whole can be done.

City Engineer Walker has outlined the following course of the roads, with the easiest and best routes of getting to each:

"From the plaza by way of Boulevard, Sherman, Iowa, Meade to Park street, which is really the beginning of the new work. This is at a point where A. W. Boslough and Sylvan Provost have residences. From Park street the road will go thence around the west side of the Bunion, following the proper contour, and up the canyon to a point where the road will coincide with the old electric light plant ditch, thence along the ditch (on a water grade) to a position above the lower reservoir, at which place the road leaves the ditch and descends an easy grade into the present canyon road where the powder house now stands. The road then keeps to the old one as far up as the Praytor homestead, which has been bought by the city. At this point we leave the present canyon road and by making a complete turn on the little flat at this place the road swings from the south to the north, ascending the hillside through the Praytor orchard until it joins with the old Anderson ditch grade. It follows the Anderson ditch in a tortuous course as it winds around the slopes high above the city. The Anderson ditch is followed to a point past the Bailey residence—a position near the Arbuckle place on top of Wimer hill. At this situation the drive leaves the ditch and diverts into Wimer street at the summit of the hill. It then turns westerly along that street to the west line of the city limits; there it swerves northerly through the Stephenson orchard and skirts the west side of the high ridge running toward the Black residence. This overlooks Wright's Creek Valley.

"The course last spoken of is followed as far as the Black home and then swings easterly and runs into cost? We have moved forward carefully but not rapidly, but we have moved forward. Shall we continue to do so?"

The most important time in Ashland's history immediately confronts us. Shall we find fault and by division fail and fall, or shall we work together for a greater and better Ashland and succeed and go forward? Bitter criticism and refusal to co-operate (I speak generally) will get nothing. "Nothing" is easier obtained and requires no effort. "Something" takes an effort—and something else. It takes confidence in the other fellow, elimination of selfishness so far as possible, and co-operation. I believe Ashland should be a city of distinction, of greater population, with more prosperous conditions—and none of these need be at the expense of her moral or spiritual standards. The latter should be defended and maintained and made stronger, if possible, under any physical change or growth of the city. In fact, these principles lie at the very foundation of real success in development. Let a "Greater Ashland" be our slogan for 1915.

In closing, I wish to thank the good people of the city for their assistance in the past and for their continued confidence as evidenced in the recent election. I did my best under the circumstances to serve the city during the past term. I will continue to do so through the term now beginning. With kindly feelings for all, I subscribe myself again as

O. H. JOHNSON,

Mayor of Ashland.

Sherman street just west of the old Hargadine cemetery.

"From the cemetery the best course will be via Sheridan, Grover, Grant, Chesnut, Maple, Woollen, Coolidge to North Main, thence on North Main to the plaza.

"The proposed road will cover a distance of six and a half miles in length, the greater part of which on high ground overlooking the surrounding country and the city. Special attention should be called to that part of the drive which passes over the ridge near the Black residence, for at this point the valley for perhaps forty miles can be seen, extending from the summit for the Siskiyou to the dim distance beyond Table Rock."

## Regular Meeting Commercial Club

The Commercial Club met Tuesday evening and rounded up the business of the month. After the bills were audited the club had \$3.12 on hand.

Lynn Purdin was elected to membership. The following resignations were accepted: H. T. Baughman, C. Cunningham, William O. Dickerson, O. E. Diebert, C. R. D. Jones, L. L. Mulit, I. E. Vining.

The committee on civic interests and public policy—O. H. Johnson, C. B. Watson and F. J. Shinn—rendered report on two matters of nation and world wide interest referred to them. One was a request that the club endorse the Gardner resolution for an inquiry by congress into the matter of the nation's national defence in case of war. The committee reported adversely for the reason that the matter is before congress, that we are not in a position to advise the Oregon delegation thereon intelligently, that they are on the ground and have the facilities for forming a definite judgment. Their report was adopted.

Another was a resolution favoring the ratification of the pending treaty with the United States of Columbia which pays that country \$25,000,000 for the province of Panama which this country needed in a hurry to start the Panama canal and obtained it from a hastily arranged republic. Now that the canal is built and in operation and the United States of Columbia is no longer an obstruction to progress there is a growing sentiment in the United States that we pay her for the transaction. The change of administration since that period offers the occasion for doing this and at the same time "saving the nation's face." The European cataclysm having smashed its commerce with South America and the present administration having arranged its diplomacy with a view of uniting the sympathies of the United States with the various republics south of us on this hemisphere, it seems that now is the time to remove the feeling among the nations to the south that the United States would exercise its power to injure smaller nations and that it was imbued with the spirit of being the supreme master of this section of the world. The committee recommended the adoption of the resolution and it was brought formally before the house. F. E. Watson said he was heartily in favor of the proposition itself but was opposed to the club endorsing the resolution as it had also a political aspect and the adoption of the resolution would set a precedent that might plague the club at some future time. The resolution was finally tabled.

Senate Bill No. 6827 was laid on the table on the recommendation of the committee for the reason that the Oregon delegation in congress had access to more information than this club. It is one of many bills in congress dealing with irrigation and conservation.

Communication from the office of the Naval Board of the Oregon Naval Militia requesting the adoption and forwarding to the state's senators and congressmen of resolutions requesting their support of the appropriation bill to defray the Naval Militia expenses upon the cruise of the United States navy to Panama for the formal opening of the Panama canal and to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and that they personally request the secretary of the navy to send the battleship Oregon to Portland.

Watch for Enders' sale, soon.

## Coast Artillery Is Efficient

Captain Malone of the local Coast Artillery company is highly satisfied with the progress of the company since he was selected as captain. The personnel of the company has been greatly raised, while the standard of efficiency has been raised to a very high degree.

The annual inspection of the federal officials will take place February 15, and the officers are anxious to bring the organization up to its full strength of eighty-five men. At the present time there are enrolled seventy-three, while about twenty-three of this number are very inactive and are to be dropped from the list. Court-martial proceedings have been instituted against those who have not fully complied with the obligations and they will be dropped at once and their places filled with new blood, as there are a large number of active young men ready to join the ranks.

The great benefits to be derived from the training and athletic work are attracting the attention of the best young men of Ashland, and Captain Malone and Lieutenant Dean are very proud of the membership as it will stand after the weeding-out process is gone through with.

The splendid equipment for training and athletic work is the best in the state, and as a result the personnel of the artillery is growing rapidly.

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